

# Community Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention Commission

Meeting Minutes  
August 20, 2020  
3:00-4:00 pm

Date of meeting: Thursday, August 20, 2020

Start time: 3:10 pm

End time: 4:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting (WebEx)

Members participating remotely		Vote 1*	Vote 2
1	Emily Sherwood – Department of Mental Health (Acting Chair)	X	X
2	Lisette Blondet – MA Association of Community Health Workers	X	X
3	Marilyn DeSantis – National Alliance on Mental Illness – MA	X	X
4	Yaminette Diaz-Linhart – MA Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers	X	X
5	Kirsten Doherty – MA Organization for Addiction Recovery	X	X
6	Margaret Hannah – Freedman Center at William James College	X	X
7	Pat Johnson – Office of Senator Cyr ( <i>designee of Senator Cyr</i> )	X	X
8	Jessica Larochelle – MA Association for Mental Health	X	X
9	Danna Mauch – MA Association for Mental Health	-	X
10	Rosemary Minehan – Trial Court (ret.) ( <i>designee of Chief Justice Carey</i> )	-	X
11	Carlene Pavlos – MA Public Health Association	X	X
12	Lindsey Tucker – Department of Public Health	X	-
13	James Vetter – Social-Emotional Learning Alliance for MA	X	-
Members participating remotely			
14	George Beilin – Licensed Psychologist	-	-
15	Ray Campbell – Center for Health Information and Analysis	-	-
16	Daniel Cullinane – MA House of Representatives	-	-
17	Marjorie Decker – MA House of Representatives	-	-
18	Cindy Friedman – MA Senate	-	-
19	Amanda Gilman – Association for Behavioral Healthcare	-	-
20	Mary McGeown – MA Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children	-	-
21	Joan Mikula – Department of Mental Health	-	-

\* (X) Voted in favor; (O) Opposed; (A) Abstained from vote; (-) Absent from meeting or during vote

## **Proceedings**

Deputy Commissioner Sherwood called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm, noting that all votes taken during the meeting would be conducted via roll call. She provided a brief update on the status of the Community Behavioral Health Trust Fund, explaining that without budget proposals from either the House or Senate, no additional information is available on the status of the Trust Fund.

**Vote 1 to approve the 6/25/2020 minutes:** Deputy Commissioner Sherwood requested a motion to approve the minutes from the Commission's previous meeting on June 25, 2020. Mr. Vetter introduced the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Blondet and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

Deputy Commissioner Sherwood facilitated a discussion with members regarding the impact that both the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing racial and social justice movements are having on the work of the Commission. During the discussion, members proposed that the rubric developed for evaluating proposals be updated to reflect the increased importance of social emotional competencies and that a key priority for the Commission going forward should be the urgent need to put resources behind healing for people of color who have experienced trauma most deeply.

From the discussion, two work streams were proposed:

1. Development of a statement on racial inequities on behalf of the Commission, elaborating on the core concepts put forth by Mr. Vetter and Ms. Pavlos. A subgroup would further refine the initial draft, with the help of Deputy Director Sherwood, Dr. Mauch, Ms. Diaz-Linhart, and Ms. Doherty.
2. Development of a proposal centered on support for frontline staff and caregivers of youth, particularly those of color.

### **Summary of action items and next steps:**

- Work group to continue drafting statement addressing the ongoing social justice movement across the country.
- Work group to develop a proposal centered on support for frontline staff and caregivers of youth to share with the Commission during the October virtual meeting.

**Vote to adjourn:** Deputy Commissioner Sherwood requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Pavlos introduced the motion, which was seconded by Professor Hannah and approved by roll-call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.